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**REMARKS** This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 1 and 10 August 1954, a few Po-2s were observed almost daily, flying over Doeberitz airfield. Some of the aircraft seen were probably courier planes since 1 Po-2 which usually took off from the field at 0500 headed northeast and 1 or 2 Po-2s would return from that direction at about 0700. On 9 August, two Po-2s were parked in two revetments on the northern edge of the field. At about 1240, some aircraft of an unidentified type were seen in the open hangars on the southern edge of the field. There was no air activity around noon. 1
2. On 9 August, some newly raised heaps of earth were observed in the northwestern corner of the field, east of the spur track. The fuel containers were apparently installed there as they were no longer seen at the field. 2
3. During a conference on 21 August with the chief of Unit Panfilov, Colonel Vasilyev (fnu) who wore black-bordered blue epaulets, it was learned that Senior Lieutenant Panfilov (fnu) had not been correctly informed about the retransfer to the USSR of auditor Nuzhnykh (fnu). According to Colonel Vasilyev, Nuzhnykh was only on leave in the USSR. Unit Panfilov was in charge of the barracks buildings of the former German motor transport instruction battalion, the NSKK Kaserne, the eastern section of Richthofen Kaserne, and the airfield boundary lights.
4. [redacted] There was activity in the billeting area. A bus occupied by some officers and EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was seen moving from the entrance leading to the quartering buildings of the former German motor transport instruction battalion toward the airfield. The four-story building No 58 housed a kitchen. Building No 60 housed offices which were presumably used by the staff quartered in building No 59. The building No 82 of the NSKK Kaserne was a low structure housing a kitchen. Building No 80 was also a low structure.

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the western section of which housed storerooms, while the eastern section was apparently vacant. The buildings Nos 79 and 81 were three-story quarters.

5. On 9 August, auditor Ivanov (fnu) was observed in headquarters building No 19. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with a pistol was posted at the gate of this building. Outside of the fenced-in barracks area were two double patrols who wore black-bordered blue epaulets and were armed with submachine guns. Ivanov was responsible for the middle and western sections of Richthofen Kaserne.
6. The unit of the former auditor Kraiyevoi was in charge of the repair shops at the field, the AA gun emplacements, and the quartering buildings south of Herold Platz. The successor of Kraiyevoi was an air force major whose name could not be determined. A new paymaster with the rank of lieutenant and wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was assigned to the unit. Work was being done in the workshops and the sound of a propeller-driven engine was heard from the engine test stands.
7. Major Panchenko (fnu) and Captain Nuzhnykh were still responsible for the quartering buildings on Thaelmann Platz and the former artillery equipment park respectively. The buildings were not entered up to 21 August.<sup>3</sup>
8. In August, the fuel dump in the northwestern corner of the field was still subordinate to Soviet Army Major Dubinka (fnu). On 9 August, barrels with an estimated capacity of 200 liters were being unloaded from a boxcar. Each of the two wooden towers was occupied by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with a submachine gun. <sup>2</sup>
9. Between 1000 and 1200 on 7 August, no aircraft were seen at the field. Work was under way in the repair hangar. A group of about 10 air force soldiers was marching from the field through the guarded gate of Richthofen Kaserne into the northern section of this billeting area.<sup>1</sup> An air force sentry armed with a carbine was posted at the gate through which the spur track ran to the field. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen on a watchtower in the northwestern corner of the field. About 50 soldiers stood in formation between the temporary buildings in northwestern corner. <sup>2</sup>
10. Shortly after 2100 on 12 August, several biplanes took off from the field, assembled in formation at an altitude of about 100 meters and then headed toward Brandenburg while disappearing from view. After about 30 minutes, the aircraft returned from the direction of Nauen and landed individually in rapid succession. Subsequently, air activity was continued until after midnight. Apparently, individual flights were made.
11. No changes were observed in the occupation of Richthofen Kaserne between 9 and 13 August. There was very light activity by the air force soldiers who wore a wing and a perpendicular propeller on their epaulets. One soldier of this unit stated that he and some of his comrades would be dismissed from military service after a term of 6 years.

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12. The occupation of the NSKK Kaserne was also unchanged. The air force soldiers quartered there wore an insignia on their right breast which consisted of an embroidered wing, about 10 cm long, with a crossed hammer and screw driver. There was scarcely any activity. Occasionally, soldiers were engaged in athletics. 3
13. Between 9 and 18 August, about 4 biplanes were stationed at the field. The aircraft were occasionally observed flying.<sup>1</sup> Excavation work was under way at the field, apparently in connection with the installation of fuel containers which had been observed at the field in mid-July. 2

1. Comment. Doeberitz airfield is not occupied by an air unit. The Po-2s observed apparently were courier aircraft.

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2. Comment. The fuel dump in the northwestern section of the field and Major Dubinka have repeatedly been reported. It appears possible that the dump is now being used by the Soviet Army. It is still unknown whether the earth heaps observed by source 1 are connected with the excavation work reported by source 4.

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3. Comment. The reported air force units and their functions have not changed as compared to previous information.

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Colonel Vasilyev is reported for the first time. A Captain Vasilyev was once reported as administrative officer of the fuel dump in 1953 but it is not believed that the two officers are identical. The numbers of the buildings are keyed to a location sketch of the billeting area which was forwarded previously.

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